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To: ak437@rover.ascpl.lib.oh.us
Date: Tue, 31 Dec 2002 19:41:48 EST
Subject: (no subject)

Hi Dale,
    I have just read your petition RM-10620 and I think it's great on your
request and feelings on that particular subject. I don't know what the FCC
feelings is going to be.
But what ever it is I thank you for trying. I have been a "HAM" for 56 years
and cannot believe they (FCC) would do such a change with NO REWARDS for the
extra license. All they did was degrade the licensing system by demoting the
class "A" status to a lower level with NO explanation. I WILL NEVER TAKE THE
EXTRA CLASS TEST. Those are my personal feelings. In any event, thaks again
for your interest and petition.
sincerly and best 73's
Nick Harris W2RRT
W2RRT@aol.com

From: "CWO3" <cwo3@elp.rr.com>
To: <ak437@acorn.net>
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I think that your suggestion the establish a rule change that would =
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and at first brush a really great suggestion that would encourage and =
recognize deserving individuals.

I haven't been a ham that long, first licensed in April 2000. My =
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operators are licensed the less they honor the spirit of ham radio, and =
conduct themselves as "elitist". The biggest violation being the use of =
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I agree that with time all active hams learn more about the hobby than =
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I am confident that you, as are all active ham radio operators. are =
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From: "Bob Maser" <bmaser@tampabay.rr.com>
To: <ak437@acorn.net>
Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2002 22:49:25 -0500
Subject: RM-10621

Dale, I disagree with your proposal RM-10621 just as much as I disagreed with the no code Extra. And I still think that it was a slap in the face for those of us that had to get to that 20 WPM level in order to be able to use DX frequencies. This latest proposal of yours makes no sense at all. The way I look at it, if you fail the driving test for 20 years you still shouldn't be given a license to drive until you learn well enough to pass the test. Anyone who has been an Advanced for 20 years either doesn't have the interest in putting in the effort or has probably been inactive for most of that time. We all seem to be so concerned that this great hobby of ours is getting obsolete that we are willing to drop the price of admission so that anyone can get on the air. If you would take the time to listen around the bands, you can hear testimony that the hobby is becoming almost as bad as CB.

Sincerely,
Bob Maser
W6TR

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From: wa4ixn@juno.com
To: ak437@rover.ascpl.lib.oh.us
Date: Tue, 31 Dec 2002 05:13:12 -0600
Subject: Upgrades

Hi Dale,

Your proposal is good. Most hams don't realize that the exams have
become easier through the years. The purpose being to swell the ranks
with new hams without making it too difficult for them. In the
"good-old-days" the exams were more technically oriented to the kind of
equipment one would expect to be operating. A lot of which would be
built from scratch or converted from military equipment. Rules and
regulations weren't such a large portion of the exams. Neither was a lot
of algebraic calculation that had little or no use in the 'real world' of
ham radio. It seems now that the 'wizards' who sit and dream up the
question pools are looking for electronic engineer types instead of
ordinary people who just want to enjoy the hobby and talk to others of
the same ilk down the street or around the world. I've been saying --
too loudly sometimes -- that if you want to play the moon bounce, ham TV,
microwave, satellite games, etc., then fine. Study up on the required
technology and go for it. But don't take chunks of the ordinary bands
away from those of us who studied hard for the exams of 30, 40, 50 years
ago, with the bent toward punched steel, hand wired, tube filled chassis,
and earned the privilege and used the whole band to good purpose, just to
glorify your urge to expand your knowledge. I don't know if you were
around back in the 1960's when, with the full support of the ARRL, the
'blue-bloods' of ham radio crammed their desire for "incentive licensing"
down the throat of the FCC and took big chunks of the bands away from the
majority of hams who were, for the most part, much more active in
actually using those frequencies than they were. It took a lot of
hard-nosed politicking and a lot of money in the right places, but they
got it done over the cries of despair from the 'average' hams and even
from such notables as Barry Goldwater who was very active in the efforts
to stop the breaking up of the bands.   A good 'for instance' would be:
You've been a licensed driver for 20 or 30 years and have exercised the
privileges of your license by driving any road you want, from one end to
the other, including the superhighways and interstates, in your good old
Ford or Chevy. Suddenly, a bunch of wealthy executives of the black tie
and tails group with their Mercedes and Jaguars decide to change things
more in their favor. If you can't, or don't want to, come up to their
standard, then they are going to pressure the highway department into
kicking you off the roads you have driven ever since you got your
license. From now on you can only drive on the back roads and be crowded
into grid block traffic while the high-and-mighty who meet the new
standard they set for themselves get the full use of all the roads,
including the almost vacant portions they've set aside for their
exclusive use.
   I studied hard. I build radios from scratch and scrap. I learned all
I could about communications. I took and passed on the first go-around
both the Novice and the General exams. Since then, over the past fifty
(50) years, I've probably built more radio equipment from junk-box parts
and from kits than any dozen of those so-called "super ham" Advanced and
Extra class types. About the only things Heathkit made between 1955
(when I first could afford to buy them) and when they closed their doors
in the mid '70s that I didn't build right out of the box was their
television sets and stereo music boxes. The same for Knight kits and
several Eico transceivers. Even now, at age 66, I still get the honor of
handling the high-speed Morse on field day. Out of 69 club members there
are only 3 of us who can handle more than 10 wpm. And I still use,
almost exclusively, Morse in my daily operation. I don't use a keyer or
a keyboard. I still use a 20-year-old Vibroplex (have worn out 3 of
them), or when mobile an old WW-II leg-clamp J-38. I normally cruise
along at 35-40 wpm, except with the J-38, and slow down only to work and
help a Novice or Tech-plus learn code. I do have a microphone (D-104) on
my desk, but it has a plastic cover on it and hasn't been used more than
once in the last couple of years.

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Yes, I am considering moving up to Extra Class, I've looked at the books and the question pool. To tell the truth, I have no use at all for satellites, TV, microwave, etc., and I find the high mathematics required just to regain the lost spectrum that I worked hard for 50 years ago, and feel I didn't deserve to have taken away from me, to be just so much useless garbage. I may be forced to learn all that algebraic gibberish to get my frequencies back, but I'll never use it and will toss the books in the trash the moment the exam is passed.

That brings me to the point of this letter. Why did you only specify advancing Novice and Advanced Class licensees?? There are thousands of General Class bums like me out here who are still burning at the stake over having our hard earned frequencies yanked away from us 35 years ago for the sake of a handful of nerds who only wanted the apportionment for their private use and who spend most of their time playing in the GHz bands anyway. We would love to be able to work the low ends and middle of the 80, 40, 20, and 15 meter bands again. To be able to spread out a bit so it would be so crowded all the time with everybody jammed in to small segments of the bands. Why not allow for General Class hams with 20 or more years of experience and clean records to get 'merit advancement' up to Extra Class too. I think that my 50 + years as a General (the highest class there was when I took the exam) and being highly active, especially in ARES, RACES, and Skywarn, with no violations or warnings and not even a OO note on my record, should count for something worthwhile rather than a 'look-down-the-nose from the hoity-toities of the modern super-hams, many of whom act as if they are the only ones deserving any operating privileges at all.

I think I'll get down off my soapbox now. This subject is one that I have been extremely angry and outspoken on for many years, and likely will continue to be so. I apologize if you feel I've overstepped the bounds of propriety here, but I'm not one to beat around the bush when it comes to something I think is important and will help improve the operating quality and morale of the majority of affected Amateur Radio operators.

Believe me. I have no quarrel with you as an Extra Class. I know you worked hard for it and deserve all the extra privileges it provides. I just think there are many of us out here who deserve more than the short shrift we got at the hands of a few holier-than-thou's who took command of the bands 35 years ago, with the able assistance of the ARRL pushing the buttons at the FCC. There's just not too many of us left now who have the strength left to fight anymore. When the last of us is SK it will all be over.

      73 & Happy New Year
      O. B. Wolf - WA4IXN
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From: "John E. Feltz" <jfw9jn@tznet.com>
To: <ak437@acorn.net>
Date: Sat, 28 Dec 2002 08:11:37 -0600
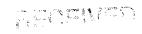**Subject:** rm10620

Hi dale

I concur with your petition in its entirety. Please may I have the FCC
address or web site so I can also add my two cents in this endeavor. I
will ask other hams in the area to also see this proposal. Thanks.

73, John W9JN

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From: <k5zol@earthlink.net>
To: ak437@acorn.net
Date: Thu, 02 Jan 2003 12:48:17 -0800
Subject: Re: UR FCC petition

I went to their website. Is making comments easier than it looks? Looked like
I'd have to spend some time learning their system and getting things in the
format they accept?
I would like to comment, but have never done that before.
K5ZOL

On Thu, 2 Jan 2003 15:39:17 US/Eastern ak437@acorn.net wrote:

> Thanks
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> Please have your comments filed on line at the
> FCC ECFS page.
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> Any additional input would be help!
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> If you have any other changes you feel should
> be blended into
> this please make your point line by line so
> they have public
> input.
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> Thanks Again
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> Dale Reich - k8ad
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> > I think your upgrade petition makes a lot of
> sense. goodluck.
> > 73,
> >
> > Bob K5ZOL
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> This message was sent using ACORN.net, a
> service of the
> Akron-Summit County Public Library.
> http://www.acorn.net
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